

## Base Briefs

### COMBAT DINING-IN

The 30th Space Wing's Combat Dining-In takes place May 10 in Cocheo Park. Tickets cost \$10 and are available from first sergeants, unit representatives, or Senior Master Sgt. Michael Tierney at 606-9815.

### 101 CRITICAL DAYS

Team Vandenberg begins the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign May 19 at the Pacific Coast Club. 30th Space Wing personnel must attend one of the flowing briefings 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

### USO SHOW

The USO hosts a free concert at 3 p.m. May 10 in Los Angeles for U.S. military members, veterans and family members. Transportation to and from the event is available but must be procured early. Those interested in attending the event should call Public Affairs at 606-3595.

### STOP LOSS UPDATE

The 30th Mission Support Group has created a Stop Loss Web site for Team Vandenberg containing information updates and wavier templates. Visit [intranet.vandenberg.af.mil/organizations/30msg/30mss/mpf/stop-loss/index.htm](http://intranet.vandenberg.af.mil/organizations/30msg/30mss/mpf/stop-loss/index.htm).

### ELECTRIC FENCE

There is active electric fencing around the Vandenberg airfield. The fence consists of seven white nylon strands and measures six feet high. Base members are advised to stay away from the fence. For more information, call Capt. Michael Horowitz at 606-4129.

### SPOUSES DINNER

The first sergeant's council hosts a free dinner for spouses of deployed troops and those on remote tours from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the Breakers Dining Facility. For information call, Master Sgt. Dennis Wingitt at 606-9600.

### THRIFT SAVINGS

Open season for the Thrift Savings Plan ends June 30. Military members may start, stop or change their contributions at [www.dfas.mil/mypay](http://www.dfas.mil/mypay) or at finance customer service in building 11777. Those with questions can call 1st Lt. Steven Swiderski at 606-4031 or 606-7082.

### ROAD CLOSURE

El Rancho Road, from 13th Street to Umbra Road, is closed through Dec. 3 to accommodate bridge construction across San Antonio Creek.

### CIVILIAN NOMINATION PACKAGES

Nomination packages are due by May 28 for civilians to attend Air and Space Basic Course and Squadron Officer School for Civilians. Information on both courses and

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## 30th MSG hones skills

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ More than 100 men and women from the 30th Mission Support Group deployed to the North Star base training site April 21 through 24 to hone their combat skills and exercise their abilities to survive and operate in a hostile military environment.

The scenario involved a three-day deployment to a bare base at a simulated classified location. The troops out-processed Monday and were in place Tuesday and Wednesday with the 30th Security Forces Squadron leading the way.

"We deployed early to clear the location and secure the area and air strip and set up an operational air base," said Lt. Col. Richard Wright, 30th SFS and exercise site commander.

After security forces secured the airfield, the rest of Vandenberg's warriors convoyed out to the site later in the day to set up a fully operational air base. The initial set up of the base involved erecting shelters in the form of tents and supplying the camp with necessary electrical power.

Other airmen built and camouflaged defensive fighting positions.

While some members constructed the camp, others received refresher training on self-aid-buddy-care, chemical warfare defense and weapons familiarization.

Throughout the first night of the exercise, participants were dealt scenarios like handling enemy prisoners-of-war, a total power outage as a result of indirect enemy fire and opposing forces infiltrating the camp after taking out an entry control point.

Other North Star exercise scenarios included airfield repairs, missile launch detection and chemical attack, and conventional attack and post attack damage assessment.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK

**Staff Sgt. Scott Suzadail, 30th Security Forces Squadron, keeps watch in a defensive fighting position at North Star Field Training Area April 23. 30th Mission Support Group troops train at North Star to hone their survival capabilities and to operate in a hostile environments.**

"The exercise was outstanding hands-on training," Wright said. "They were able to immediately apply the skills they had learned and trained on."

The Vandenberg warriors were highly motivated and worked very well together, the commander said.

In fact, the team pulled together so well that the exercise finished a day earlier than planned, because all of the exercise objectives were met.

Despite the austere conditions of a bare base training site, the 30th MSG Squadron erected a dining tent. They brought hot food and dining equipment to feed the troops.

"They really enjoyed the hot food," said 2nd Lt. Sandra Quinones, 30th SVS food service officer. The 30th SVS also treated camp members to hot breakfasts during the exercise deployment, however lunch was MREs, Quinones said.

"Over all the exercise went extremely well. I was very impressed with the performance and motivation of all personnel, especially the sense of teamwork that was exhibited by all participants" Wright said. "The troops performed superbly adapting to constantly changing scenarios that simulated circumstances they could face in actual contingencies."

## AFSPC mourns former leader

■ PETERSON AFB, Colo. — Retired Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, former vice commander of Air Force Space Command, died April 24 in Omaha, Neb.

DeKok retired from the Air Force just one year ago this month.

During his tenure as vice commander here from 2000 to 2002, the general was known for his implementation of the 2001 Space Commission's recommendations, which included incorporating the Space and Missile Systems Center into AFSPC and developing a professional cadre of space professionals.

DeKok received his commission with the Air Force in 1968.

He served in numerous space plans and operations positions, from detachment level to space policy work in the White House.

While serving at the Pentagon in 1983, he coordinated the Air Force Space Plan and during his subsequent assignment to the White House National Security Council, he developed and coordinated the U.S. National Space Policy that was signed by President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

He commanded two space wings —

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## Anti-terrorism offers tools to combat terrorist

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg conducted a Community Anti-Terrorism Night here April 23 at the Chapel 1 Annex.

With more than 35 people present and broadcasting live via the commander's access channel, a panel of experts delivered briefings covering everything from the detection of weapons of mass destruction to food inspections.

"Everyone plays a part in the safety and security of the base, because everyone can be a sensor," said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander. "We are here tonight to inform the community on the

security systems we already have in place and what they can do to help."

The night began with Senior Master Sgt. Stacey Seppi, 30th Security Forces Squadron, saying that people can assist making vehicle inspections go faster by having their ID's out before driving up to the gates. To minimize traffic at the main gate, all commercial vehicles have been diverted to the Lompoc Gate.

"The community needs to watch for people and things that look out of place," said Special Agent Steven Houghton, Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 804. "If someone

spots suspicious activity, they should notify law enforcement and not hesitate to call just because they think it may be a bother. It's their job to take those calls."

A sometimes-overlooked aspect, the commissary also has measures in place to protect food from being contaminated. Not only does food go through government inspection, but it must pass through an on-site inspection at the commissary as well.

The base has a siren warning system too. It is designed to alert military members and families in emergency situations.

A steady tone means a peacetime emergency or natural

disaster and a wavering tone means an attack has occurred. The siren system here is tested every Friday.

Tech. Sgt. Andre Gustave, 30th Medical Group, explained five different forms of Weapons of Mass Destruction. Incendiary, explosive, nuclear, biological, or a combination those can constitute a WMD, Gustave said.

The nuclear weapons that people should be concerned about are 'dirty bombs'.

A person uses a radioactive material and attaches it to an explosive device. When it's detonated, it spreads the radioactive material, he added.

Biological and chemical attacks have been in the news recently. Vandenberg has equipment to test for and detect biological and chemical contaminants in case of direct attack here, Gustave said.

With the threat of terrorism always present, the Community Anti-Terrorism Night provided military members and families with information that can help them be more proactive than reactive.

For Mary Claypool, military spouse, the briefings were very reassuring.

"It's good to know that the base has plans for military members and families, and has briefings like this to relay the information," she said.

### Kickin'it



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

**Alex Leatherman, 12, performs a staff Tai routine during Saturday's Salute to Youth. Leatherman is part of the Universal Kempo Karate Schools, Vandenberg Branch.**

## Team V promotes 86 during May

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30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Congratulations to the following members of Team Vandenberg being promoted during May.

### Airman

Mark Blum, 532nd Training Squadron  
Brian Edwards, 532nd TRS  
Darren Garowski, 534th Training Squadron  
Seth Holstead, 534th TRS  
Juan Ibarra, Detachment 1, 345th Training Squadron  
Christopher Knechtly, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
Justin Murray, 532nd TRS  
Sean Roberson, 532nd TRS  
Randy Trentham, 532nd TRS

### Airman First Class

Neal Alexander, 532nd TRS  
Shawn Anderson, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
James Apple, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
Jennifer Baker, 532nd TRS  
Tyler Beck, 532nd TRS  
Matthew Brinson, 532nd TRS  
Kristopher Casares, 532nd TRS

Virgil Castro, 532nd TRS  
Gary Douglas, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
Justin Ellis, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
Jeffery Hall, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
Jeremy Haltom, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
Ryan Harris, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
David Haslam, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
Joseph Holley, 532nd TRS  
Derek Hultquist, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
Christopher Ishizaka, 532nd TRS  
Donald Koeniguer, 532nd TRS  
Gerard Lachain, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
Chase Liphart, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
Billy Marthinsen, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
Jeffrey Miller, 532nd TRS  
Christopher Murie, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
Matthew Ricker, 532nd TRS  
Richard Trubee, 532nd TRS  
Kathleen Turizo, Det. 1, 345th TRS  
Jayson Waldo, 532nd TRS  
Robert Whitezell, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Steven Zimmer, 532nd TRS  
Dario Arino, 30th Security Forces Squadron  
Maria Aviles Singh, 30th SFS  
Melanie Christy, 532nd TRS  
Sean Illing, 30th Medical Operations Squadron  
John Sellers, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
**Senior Airman**  
Adam Baker, 576th Flight Test Squadron  
Jeffrey Cain, 30th Comp-troller Squadron  
John Galan, 30th Space Communications Squadron  
Christopher Jones, 30th SFS  
Sergei Sanders, 30th SFS  
Andrew Schindeldecker, 30th Space Wing  
Nicole Tacey, 30th LRS  
**Staff Sergeant**  
Melissa Anderson, 30th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron  
Beau Blevins, 30th SCS  
Katrina Cordova, 30th SFS  
Angela Knowles, 576th FLTS  
Lissete Lopez, 30th SFS  
Pedro Ornelas, 30th LRS

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*Destinations Central Coast heads north to Mr. Rick's for a night of live music and dancing.*  
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**Weekend forecast**  
Cloudy with rainshowers Friday.  
Chance for showers Saturday.



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# General commends space command

By GEN. LANCE LORD

Air Force Space Command

While it seems like just yesterday, it's been a year since I took command of the greatest space and missile force the world has ever seen.

On April 19, 2002, I introduced my "framework for the future" — a guide for the coming year. That framework focused our efforts on three specific roles: our role as an Air Force Major Command, our role as a service component to U.S. Strategic Command and our role supporting the Air Force's emerging mission as the Department of Defense's executive agent for space. If you're wondering how we've done in those roles, let me sum things up by saying "simply outstanding!"

Today, young men and women of this great country's armed forces are fully engaged in the defense of our homeland. You, along with our coalition partners, are also engaged around the world in the global war on terrorism. The space and missile capabilities you provide are key to every operation, combat or humanitarian, in the air, on land, at sea and in space.

While we've all seen the images on television from Operation Iraqi Freedom and let me tell you, AFSPC is fully integrated in that operation. We are also supporting global

operations in our ICBM and space missions, as well as other air expeditionary force requirements — 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. We're providing that support both from our home stations as well as deployed locations around the world. Currently, AFSPC has more than 1,000 men and women deployed in support of on-going operations.

If I were to describe our contribution in one word, it would be "advantage." But that isn't descriptive enough; it's really an "asymmetric advantage." When you think about it, the pursuit of an asymmetric advantage is not new.

For centuries, warriors have searched for weapons and methods that would guarantee them victory and significantly enhance their existing force. In the early 20th century, airpower emerged as just such an advantage. Today, at the outset of the 21st century, we are realizing the same sort of advantage through space power. We don't just have more satellites than the enemy, or faster communications. And we aren't the only ones with access

to the global navigation and timing capabilities provided by Global Positioning System. Our adversaries have access to those very same services. The advantage we provide is more than numbers, it's more than simply the individual capabilities any one system provides.

Let me give you just one example. In Operation Enduring Freedom, we saw new and creative ways to use existing systems.

We combined high-tech space capabilities provided by the GPS and communications satellites with old and even ancient technology in new and innovative ways. We literally redefined our views on 21st century warfare. Who can forget the images of special operations forces on horseback using laptops, laser rangefinders and GPS receivers to identify target coordinates?

Likewise, who would have believed those same coordinates would be relayed via satellite to 40-year-old B-52s that then employed satellite-guided 2,000-pound bombs in a close air support role? We combined the old with the new and generated transformational effects on the

battlefields of Afghanistan. That's what I mean by providing an asymmetric advantage.

The capabilities Air Force Space Command provides are a key part of the asymmetric advantage necessary for success, but that advantage is not just a result of our systems. It is a combination of those systems and the people who develop, operate and sustain them. Our people...you...are an indispensable part of that equation.

You develop the theory, doctrine and concepts of operation; you define the requirements, acquire and build the systems; you operate, secure and sustain the systems; and you provide all the support necessary to make our missions a resounding success.

Without you, our most valuable asset, our systems are of little worth.

Additionally, those of you who support the mission and our people, both on and off base, further multiply that asymmetric advantage. Without family and community support, we simply couldn't succeed.

You are the "Guardians of the High Frontier" and it's an honor to serve with each of you. Beccy joins me in thanking every member of the Air Force Space Command team for all you do, and remember...if you're not in space, you're not in the race!



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To provide combat capabilities through launch, range and expeditionary operations.



### Vision:

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Col. Robert M. Worley II  
Commander

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While the action line is a great way to communicate, don't forget to use your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials and other base professionals first.

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# Groups help build camaraderie

By AIRMAN JUANIKA GLOVER  
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*Editor's Note: This is the first article in a two-part series about Air Force fraternal organizations. The first part is devoted to fraternal organizations for officers.*

Air Force fraternal organizations are more than just meeting places for people of similar ranks and interests. They are an important part of military life. Imagine being in the military and there wasn't a single person in Congress who spoke on the military's behalf, or anyone to protect the benefits of retired members, or anybody concerned with professional military growth. There are three organizations for officers devoted to such tasks. Some of those organizations include the Retired Military Officers Association, which strives to protect the benefits of retired officers, and the Company Grade Officers Council, which benefits the professional development of company grade officers. The Reserved Officers Association serves as a voice in constructing government procedures. All of these fraternal organizations serve a purpose suited to better officers in some way. TROA is a nonprofit organization suited to benefit its retired active-duty, National Guard and reserve officers and their families. As stated in the Web site, [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org), the TROA is now a part of the Military Officers Association of America, which was formed to include all officers, active duty and retired. The MOAA is devoted to protecting the entitlements military members earned while in the service. Members of MOAA receive discounts on certain products and

services, a team of legislative professionals who speak on the association's behalf, expert's advice on benefit information and the opportunity to communicate with other members. Those benefits include discounted insurance rates, financial services, scholarships and employment assistance. There are more than 425 MOAA chapters in the United States and abroad. Six out of 10 retired officers are members of the association and more than 30, 000 active-duty servicemembers are members. Officers at Vandenberg wishing to join MOAA may visit the Website or call retired Col. Michael Steger, treasurer of the Santa Maria and Lompoc chapter, at (805) 733-4301 for more information. Steger said the Santa Maria and Lompoc chapter holds eight meetings per year. The CGOC, another organization geared toward officers, benefit officers on a more professional level. According to the base Web site, [www.vandenberg.af.mil](http://www.vandenberg.af.mil) the CGOC's main purpose is to endorse expert development, encourage base and local community assistance and establish an environment where a company grade officer can have a communal friendship amongst other officers. "It is also a networking tool that opens people up to officers in other career fields and gives them a chance to speak with senior leaders. They can exchange ideas and get another officer's perspective on certain situations," said 1st Lieutenant Henry Heren, instructor for space lift operations 2nd Space Launch Squadron. All lieutenants and captains are automatically members of the CGOC. "Students cannot hold a seat on the CGOC council but any CGO can come to

a meeting and be a voting member," said Heren. Heren said during the year the CGOC participates in a number of fundraisers to raise money for community service projects and other activities. Those activities include: car washes, OktoberFest, coin sales, youth services, and the combined federal campaign among other things. The CGOC also has a mentorship program where a CGO shadows a colonel for a day to get the perspective of a higher-ranking officer's responsibilities, said Heren. "Primarily the CGOC is a good way for officers to help the community, and improve relationships with other officers," Heren said. Officers wishing to become involved with the CGOC must attend meetings held at 3:30 p.m. the third Friday of each month at the base bowling alley. The ROA supports and promotes development and serves at the reserve military member's voice in Congress. The Website [www.roa.org](http://www.roa.org) states the association serves at the liaison between government entities, the media, and it members. Its members are continuously informed on topics concerning legislative action. Members also receive incentive benefits such as auto, life and health discounts, budgeted travel packages, career development, relocation services and credit card services. Reserve officers interested in joining the ROA may contact the ROA headquarters at (800) 809-9448. Although each of these organizations serve a different type of military member, each of them came together for similar reasons, to improve quality of life for military members and their family, ensure professional development is met, and to help give back to the community.

## Meet the New Commander

9th Space Operations Squadron

Maj. Patrick Assayag



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

**Significant thing about your new unit:** The 9th SOPS is the only reserve unit at Vandenberg. **Hometown:** Los Angeles **Time in Service:** 18 years **Recent career history:** I activated and commanded the 64th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron Persian Gulf after Sept. 11, 2001. I was also operations officer of the 14th Test Squadron. **Leadership philosophy:** Clear the obstacles from my troops' way so the mission can be done. Take care of your troops and your troops will take care of the mission. **Short-term goals:** to complete Marine Command and General

Staff College **Personal information:** I've been married for 11 years. I graduated Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College, both non-resident courses. **Hobbies:** skiing, running and military history **How do you fulfill the core values?** Lead by example, never ask your troops to do something you are not willing to do your self. I volunteer before I am asked. And I give every job my 110 percent. I always believe honesty is the best policy. **What is the most exciting thing that has happened to you during your Air Force career?** Deploying to the Persian Gulf one week after Sept. 11, and leading 325 outstanding Americans, active duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve, in a very worthy cause. **Who is your favorite leader in history and why?** Gen. George Patton. No mission was too difficult and he overcame dyslexia to achieve great victories. **Who is your role model and why?** My father and mother. They immigrated to the United States with a family in tow, unable to speak English, overcame adversity and successfully raised a wonderful family. **What do you like best about the Air Force?** Camaraderie, patriotism and good friends



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Team Vandenberg Warrior  
**Staff Sgt. Roy Adams Highfill III**  
30th Range Squadron



**Hometown:** Winston-Salem, N.C.  
**Time in service:** 7.5 years  
**Time on station:** nearly 2 years  
**Role in mission:** aerospace control officer  
**How do you contribute to the wing mission?** I maintain all aspects of area clearance during ballistic missile tests and satellite launches as well as perform center supervisor duties. My workcenter, the Area Control Center or Frontier Control, coordinates land, sea, and air.  
**What do you like best about the Air Force?** I like the amazing people I interact with everyday.  
**If you could change one thing about the Air Force** what

**would it be?** I would reinstate the warrant officer ranks in the Air Force.  
**How do you fulfill the Air Force Core Values?** By giving 110 percent everyday.  
**What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force?** I got an incentive flight in an F-15 Eagle.  
**How would you improve life at Vandenberg AFB?** Outback Steakhouse, Chili's, or Hooter's!  
**Who is your role model and why?** Myself, just due to the fact that I haven't met anyone else like me.  
**Favorite movie or book:** Goonies! Is there a book?  
**Hobbies:** Darts and Newcastle Browne Ale

## Crimebeat ...

COMPILED BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

**April 24**  
**Lost property – 1:05 p.m.**  
A civilian reported to the Vandenberg Security Forces Control Center that he had lost two boxes containing various work items. The man said he was operating a company truck with the tailgate down when two boxes accidentally fell out of the back at the intersection of Kelp and Surf roads outside Space Launch Complex- 4. He said that when he returned to the intersection to retrieve the boxes, they were gone. Missing items included a tool set, heavy-duty tie-down straps, bungee cords, flashlights, large first aid kits and full body rain suits.  
**Verbal threats – 3:54 p.m.**  
A family member reported to the SFCC that another female high school student at the bus stop on Glenview Street had verbally threatened her daughter. Patrolmen could not contact the complainant at her home.  
**April 26**  
**Referee duty – 11:07 a.m.**  
An NCO called the SFCC and said he and his wife were having an argument. The military member and his

wife are separating, and she was at his home to pick up a computer. The NCO told his wife he needed to retrieve files before she removed the computer. She began yelling so he said he notified the SFCC in hopes of calming her down. Patrolmen arrived to a controlled situation and departed when the wife did.  
**April 27**  
**Shoplifting – 4:16 p.m.**  
A base exchange store detective notified the SFCC that she had detained the wife of a retired NCO for shoplifting. Video footage appeared to confirm the shoplifting. Patrolmen transported the suspect to the SFCC where she was released to her sponsor.  
**Traffic complaint – 7:07 p.m.**  
A family member reported to the SFCC that an individual driving a silver Ford Mustang was tailgating her and speeding in housing.  
**DUI – 8:50 p.m.**  
Patrolmen stopped a non-base affiliated civilian for speeding on Highway 1 at Santa Lucia Canyon Road. The patrolmen detected the strong smell of an alcoholic beverage coming from the driver. The driver said he had been drinking all day. A California Highway Patrol officer responded and took the man into custody.

## Airmen convicted of larceny, conspiracy

By STAFF SGT. CARTER SCHRAGE  
30th Space Wing Staff Judge Advocate's office

■ Two 30th Security Forces Squadron airmen were convicted and sentenced in special courts-martial for several violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Senior Airman Philipp Rogers and Airman Sean Heffernan pleaded guilty to charges of larceny, conspiracy and housebreaking in their trials held here in February and April.

conspired to steal a Dell desktop computer from the quarters of a fellow flight member who was away on leave. The two unlawfully entered the victim's dorm room and stole her computer valued at \$1,100. In separate trials, both airmen chose a military judge as their sole sentencing authority. Rogers was sentenced to 60 days confinement, was reduced in grade to E-1 and received a bad conduct discharge. Heffernan was sentenced to four months

confinement, reduced in grade to E-1 and received a bad conduct discharge. The maximum sentence the two could have received in their special courts martial was six months confinement, forfeiture of two-thirds of their pay for six months, reduction in rank to airman basic and a bad conduct discharge. Currently in effect, a new executive order has doubled the maximum confinement period for special courts martial to one year.

## Open sesame



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Lt. Col. Larry Edge, general manager of the inter-continental ballistic missile system program Office Maintenance Division, (right) explains to Truman Sylling how to use a ballistic actuator, which is used to open the 80- ton launcher closure door on the missile silo for all the ICBM's here and at the operational wings. Edge was recognized with a "Special Recognition" Individual Mobilization Augmentee of the Year award from Air Force Material Command for his service as a lieutenant colonel in the 412th Maintenance Group.

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# Squirrels provide early warning for WMD, disease

By 2nd Lt. Michelle Mayo

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

They are some of Vandenberg’s most visible and numerous residents. They scamper over open fields and scurry across busy roads. They are called spermophilus beecheyi, also known as ground squirrels. They seem to be everywhere and many residents and visitors to the base wonder why there are so many here.

One of the reasons is due in part to Vandenberg’s landscaping practices, according to Nancy Read, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron wildlife biologist. Ground squirrels gravitate to open fields where they can see predators at long distances.

Much of the base’s “roughly maintained” landscape is ideal for ground squirrels, because they can see predators easily and quickly hide in their holes if they feel threatened, Read said. “Roughly maintained” indicates lawns that are mowed regularly but not irrigated. “The squirrels cause little or no environmental impact per se, in that there is no threat to endangered wildlife or plants,” Read said. “However, we do



Senior Airman Mike Napolitano, Public Health, uses binoculars to search for squirrels to make sure the population numbers have not gone down.

know that we have extremely high densities of ground squirrels in some areas.” Habitat management to reduce that density will reduce the potential for squirrels to cause physical damage to facilities or transmit disease. Looking at the existing environment on base, the 30th CES Environmental office will investigate and quantify the relationship between ground



Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Pomeroy

A ground squirreltakes a quick peek around. Most of them run into holes in the when approached by humans.

squirrel density and vegetation type and structure. Next year, they plan to begin a project that looks more closely at base landscaping practices and develop recommendations for landscaping that will be less attractive to ground squirrels but still acceptable to the base populace. In the meantime, the 30th Medical Group Public Health office actively monitors the

squirrel population to watch for possible disease. From April to October, public health technicians go out twice a month to count the number of ground squirrels at five different locations on base. Those locations are open fields near the base exchange, dormitories, Chapel 2, the fam camp and the Air Education and Training Command complex. “People look at us strangely

because we’re out there with binoculars looking at squirrels,” said Tech. Sgt. Randy Martinez, NCO in charge of community health. “What we’re looking for is a sudden, unexpected drop in the population.” A dramatic decrease in the squirrel population indicates possible diseases like plague could be ravaging the animals. It’s important to monitor the squirrels for the plague, because humans can contract the disease from plague-infected fleas on the squirrels. The last reported case of plague on Vandenberg was in 1999 and found in a feral pig. Another reason to monitor the squirrel population is for indications of potential biological weapons attacks. “If there is a sudden, unexpected drop in a location, and there hasn’t been a plague and there is no other explanation for the drop, it could be a terrorism indicator,” Martinez said. That’s because the squirrels have a higher metabolism than humans, so their bodies absorb toxins more quickly. If a biological or chemical weapon were set off on the base,

one of the first indications would be the sudden death of base wildlife, including ground squirrels. The office’s counting methods are simple. “We wait quietly until the squirrels are comfortable with our presence, then they’ll pop out,” Martinez said. Once they’ve popped out of their holes, the public health officers count as many as they can in ten minutes. They rest and wait for a few minutes, then count again for ten minutes. They note the weather and whether there are any birds of prey in the area. They then average the two numbers together to get their estimate. Last year, they estimated there were 70 squirrels per location. The office’s counting methods are by no means scientific, but they provide a rough estimate of how many squirrels inhabit a particular area. Until a way to control the population is devised, the squirrel population will continue to grow and residents can watch them scamper in the fields and avoid running them over as they scurry across busy roads.

**PROMOTION:**

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J R Sanders, 576th FLTS  
Brett Schofield, 30th CES  
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Mary Straub, 30th SW  
Jeffery Thompson, 532nd TRS

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William Cleere, 533rd Training Squadron  
Joseph Fontenet, 576th FLTS  
Thomas Hoopes, 576th FLTS  
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John Larson, Detachment 1, Launch Communications Office  
Richard Medina, 30th LRS  
Gerardo Ozuna, 576th FLTS

Kirby Ross II, 30th SFS  
Jeffrey Soong, 576th FLTS

**Master Sergeant**

Martin Ehredt Jr., 533rd TRS

**1st Lieutenant**

Lawrence Barnes, 30th MDG  
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David Hildebrand, 392nd TRS  
Jonathan Murphy, 30th SCS  
Chalene Ogilvie, Det. 9 Space and Missile System Center  
Melissa Peterson, 614th Space Operations Squadron  
Markyves Valentin, Det. 9 SMC  
Fernando Zapata, 76th Helicopter Flight

**Captain**

Ferdinand Desir, 30th CES

**Major**

Patrick Shea, 30th MDG

**DEKOK:**

the 1st Space Wing (now the 21st SW) **From Page A1** at Peterson AFB from 1989 to 1990 and the 50th SW at Falcon AFB, (now Schriever AFB) Colo., from 1990 to 1993.

Before he was named vice commander of AFSPC in 2000, he served as director of plans for AFSPC from 1993 - 1995; the director of operations for U.S. Space Command at Peterson 1995 - 1996; commander of the Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles AFB from 1996 to 1998; and deputy chief of staff for plans and programs, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C., from 1998 to 2000.

He was the recipient of the Presidential Service Badge, as well as the Master Space Badge.

During his career in the Air Force, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal with three OLC.

“Roger DeKok was a leader, innovator, mentor and, above all, a friend to the men and women of Air Force Space Command,” said Gen. Lance Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command. “He was a true expert in our field who evolved space capabilities into their vital role in National Security. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.”

The funeral service was Tuesday, at the Cadet Chapel at the U.S. Air Force Academy. A memorial service also takes place today, at Headquarters, Air Force Space Command on Peterson AFB.

**BRIEFS:**

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nomination procedures can be found at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cp/guide/sec-4.htm>.

**RESUME RECREATION**

All outdoors recreational activities have resumed. For more information, call the fish and wildlife office at 606-6804.

**INTERVIEW VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are needed to conduct mock interviews with junior high school students from 9 a.m. to noon May 20 and 21 at Orcutt Junior High School and 9 a.m. to noon June 5 and 6 at Lakeview Junior High School.

**OFFICE CLOSURE**

30th Mission Support Squadron will close 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. May 16 for an official function. An emergency phone number will be posted on each customer service office door. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Stacey Wilfong 606-3969.

**DORM MANAGER JOBS**

There are two immediate job openings for dorm manager positions for senior airmen, staff and technical

sergeants. The positions are two-year controlled tours. Applicants should send a letter of recommendation from their commander and copies of their last three Enlisted Performance Reports to the 30th Mission Support Group deputy commander. Call Senior Master Sgt. Brian Joseph at 606-2990.

**TROOP SUPPORT**

The Department of Defense proposes ways for Americans to show support for U.S. service members in Iraq. Post e-mail letters online at <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil/About.html>. Supporters can also visit Veterans Administration hospitals and nursing homes, coach children's sports teams, feed the homeless and request local military members to speak at community events.

**COMMERCIAL DELIVERIES**

All commercial and vendor vehicles are required to enter the base through the Lompoc Gate between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Special consideration for delivery vehicles entering the installation at other gates will only be considered on a case-by-case basis. Security forces request all organizations affected by this procedure

contact their respective commercial or vendor agents. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael McKinney at 605-2585 or 605-0792

**AIR FORCE RESERVE**

Military members can continue their careers in the Air Force Reserve. For more information on the Air Force Reserve, call Master Sgt. Brenda Kartheiser at 606-2704.

**SLOGAN CONTEST**

Participants may submit a voting slogan that expresses in their own words the importance of voting. Submit slogans by July 11 to the Federal Voting Assistance Program at <http://www.logan@fvap.ncr.gov>.

**APPOINTMENT-BASED CARE**

The 30th Medical Group is unable to provide walk-in service. Appointments are based on the level of care each patient requires. Acute appointments are provided within 24 hours, routine appointments within 7 days, and wellness appointments within 28 days of request. For urgent care, consult the TriCare Prime card and call 606-2273. For more information, call Capt. Vernon Swinton at 606-9076.

**COMBAT DINING-IN**

**COMBAT**  
30th SW  
DINING-IN

**When: May 10, 2003**

**Where: Cocheo Park**

**Time: 6 p.m.-cocktails  
7 p.m.-dinner**

**For more information contact  
SMSgt Tierney @ 606-9815**

**\$10.00**



# Youth center organizes summer basketball league

Teens,pre-teens offered more options for two-month school vacation

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Idle hands are the devil’s workshop, or so the saying goes. Regardless. Working parents seem to be constantly on the lookout for activities to occupy their teen and pre-teen children during summer vacation months.

Now when school lets out for the two-and-a-half-month break, the Vandenberg youth sports office and youth center have teamed up to offer a new option for teenagers to get involved with.

Operation Night Hoops is an organized basketball league design to keep teenagers out of trouble during late evening hours. The Air Force debuted the program three years ago at 14 base youth centers. Today the program has spread to more than 60 bases servicewide.

According to the 2002 Sporting Goods Manufacturers Report on sport participation, nearly 40 million people play basketball in the U.S. making it by far the country’s most played team sport. The report also found with that among boys and girls, basketball is the #1 team participation sport with 21.3 million participants.

Vandenberg is no different. The base is full of children who want to play organized basketball, said Justin Taylor, youth center recreation aid.

“Almost every night teens come and play basketball at the youth center sometimes until they close at 10 p.m.,” Taylor said. “They love playing the game,” he added. For most teen, this is their only chance for playing organized ball.

“The only organized basketball available to most of these teens is a high school team and those teams are only allowed a certain number of players,” he said.

Operation Night Hoops begin June 9 and ends July 28. The league will be divided into two divisions, ages 13-15 and 16-18. Siblings can request to be put on the same team as long as they’re in the same age division.

Registration for Operation Night Hoops takes place 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 5-30. The cost is \$25 per player or \$20 if the participant is a youth center member. The youth center will provide t-shirts for the teams.

Teams will be selected by a draft. Coaches will watch the youths during a skills day May 31 at the youth center gym. All participants are encouraged to attend, so the teams will be well balanced, said Taylor.

A mandatory coaches and parents meeting will be held June 2 in the youth center annex.

Anyone wishing to coach, keep score, or officiate can call the youth center for more information at 606-2152.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Derek Harris, 15, zips around Dan Tierney, 16, in a one-on-one match.



## Space program pioneers meet AF leaders

By STAFF SGT. TODD LOPEZ  
Air Force Print News

■ **BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C.** The father of the Air Force space program and a key leader in the development of weapons systems such as the Minuteman missile assembled former colleagues here April 23 to 27 for the annual meeting of the “Old Timers.”

Retired Gen. Bernard Schriever led the intercontinental ballistic

missile development teams that many credit with keeping the United States one step ahead of the Soviet Union during the Cold War years.

This year’s event included a private “staff meeting” for the teams’ members, a briefing on current operations by airmen of the directorate of space operations and integration, and a presentation of certificates by Schriever to the members of the group.

Being in the midst of those who paved the way for the Air Force’s current successes — men and women with legendary names, responsible for historic

achievements — was a remarkable experience, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.”

Others attending the reunion included: Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Lance Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command; Gen. Lester Lyles, commander of Air Force Materiel Command; and Maj. Gen. Judd Blaisdell, Air Force director of space operations and integration.

## Former Robins employee sentenced for fraud

■ **ROBINS AFB, Ga.** A former Robins employee was recently sentenced to five months imprisonment, five months house arrest with electronic monitoring and three years supervised probation after being convicted of Federal Employees’ Compensation

Act fraud.

A U.S. district judge also ordered the former aircraft electrician to pay \$97,635.13 after being found guilty of falsely declaring no earnings and no change in disability on his annual certification forms from 1998 to 2001.

An anonymous tip helped investigators prove the employee was paid for carpentry, painting and construction work from 1997 to 2001, according to JoAnn Hutchison, work force effectiveness branch chief here.

Federal laws governing employee compensation benefits require recipients to report changes to medical or employment status, Hutchison said. They are also required to accurately report all earnings during an annual certification.

The former Robins employee pleaded guilty Jan. 6 to charges of

making false statements in connection with receipt of Federal Workers’ Compensation benefits, Hutchison said.

In April 1989, the former employee was injured on the job, according to his plea agreement. He returned to work but claimed recurrences of the disability, the last in July 1995.

“Submitting a claim for an injury that didn’t occur on the job is a crime,” Hutchison said. “Falsifying any part of a claim is also a crime, even if no benefits are paid against that claim.”

According to Hutchison, Robins currently pays more than \$12 million in workers’ compensation benefits annually to current and former employees.

To report people suspected of receiving benefits fraudulently, call and FECA investigator or local injury compensation unit. (Courtesy of AF Print News)



## Volleyball standings

### National League

Team	Wins	Losses
576th#1	3	0
CES	3	0
DET 9	2	0
14th AF	1	1
MSG	1	2
533rd	0	1
WS	0	3

### American League

Team	Wins	Losses
381st	6	0
576th#2	4	2
SCS	3	2
MDG	3	3
OG	2	3
LRS	1	4
CONS	0	3



## Over 30 Basketball Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
MSG	1	1
576TH	0	2
LRS	1	1
MDG	1	0
OG	1	1
SCS	1	1
14AF/614	1	1



# SPACE & MISSILE

## FEATURES

## Destinations *Central Coast @ Mr. Rick's tavern*

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Wouldn't you know it? The weekend we were expecting a heavy deluge, the weatherman's predictions fell far short. Though for a few hours, it looked like they might come true.

Sitting at home, I had reached a point that is few and far between – a lull in time when all my errands were done, I was well rested, there were no pressing deadlines hanging over my head and all my children had plans for the day.

There was nothing to do but enjoy the here-and-now and relax before the next set of tasks and duties that are always sure to come. Rain or shine, staying in the house was not an option.

So where should my destination take me?

Lately, I've wanted to take a drive up the coast, find a place to sit and relax with my other half and sip my favorite beverage. Although grape and lemon Kool-aid can be hard to come by sometimes.

I've always enjoyed the Avila Beach community and it's been virtually rebuilt from the ground up since Unocal finished an environmental cleanup of the area. So on a sunny Sunday evening, my wife and I decided to check out Mr. Rick's, a tavern in Avila facing the beach.

Mr. Rick's is in a brand-new building and offers company, the latest sports action on multiple televisions, pool tables and live music from local musicians – my favorite. Unfortunately, the length of time it took to clean up Avila Beach had an affect on local businesses.

"Right now, there is no Sunday evening musical entertainment," said Rick Weibill, chief executive officer and owner of Mr. Rick's. "There is live



PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

**Mr. Rick's tavern in Avila Beach offers sports action, live music and pool tables.**

music Friday and Saturday, and Tuesday and Wednesday."

I was a bit disappointed because I was expecting a band Sunday evening.

Since Mr. Rick's has only been reopened for the last nine months, they have yet to experience the full spring and summer season, Weibill said.

The redesigned Mr. Rick's is a lot more customer-friendly with a wide screen TV on the stage and plenty of room for the bands when they play. People can also order off the menu from Custom House Restaurant next door.

Other than that, there wasn't much going on that Sunday evening.

So my wife and I simply relaxed, enjoyed some time together and watched the sunset as we soaked in the peaceful lull in time.



**Below, Mr. Rick himself, serves up a drink for a customer at his restaurant.**

But I expect the atmosphere will definitely liven-up as the weather gets warmer.

A few weeks later, I decided to roll by on a Saturday night to see

how the place was on a different night. For lack of a better term, the difference was like night and day. I arrived about 9:30 p.m. A local band, Tres Catos, was



**Dixie Myers shoots pool while waiting for her food to arrive at Mr. Ricks Restaurant.**



**Ricardo Ortega, Line Supervisor, cooks up some cioppino and basil chicken at Mr. Ricks tavern in Avila Beach.**



**'Smokin' Gunz' band performs at Mr. Rick's R tavern. Members of the band are Damon Raynoso, vocalist, Tony Gayfield, guitarist, Jeff Appleton, bass guitarist, and Doug Swain, drummer.**

plying their trade while the crowd enjoyed the atmosphere. The band had started playing a half hour earlier so they were just getting warmed up.

They were pretty good. With some more work and time together, they might be better.

To get to Mr. Rick's, take Highway 101 north. Take the Avila Beach exit and make a left under the overpass. Follow the road all the way to the beach. Mr. Rick's is at 404 Front St. It can also be found on line at [www.mrricks.com](http://www.mrricks.com).

## Community Calendar

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**Volunteer Recognition Ceremony** – 2 to 4 p.m. today at the Pacific Coast Club. Reservations are not needed.

**Circus Chimera** – Today at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 1:30, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 12:30, 3:30, and 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Maria Fairpark. Admission is free for all card holding active duty military dependents. Call 606-3595.

**"Fairy Tale Twist"** – at Allan Hancock College 7 p.m. today, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$6 for children, students and seniors and \$8 for general admission. Call (805) 922-8313.

**Flight discounts** – U.S. Airways offers discounted fares for active duty and reserve military members and their immediate family through Dec. 31. Call U.S. Airways at (800) 428-4322 or visit the Web site at [www.usair.com](http://www.usair.com) for more information.

**"Crazy for You"** – through May 18 in the

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Marian Theater. Call (805) 928-7731.

**The Vandenberg Airmen's Attic** – needs donations of household items. The program is open to military personnel E-5 and below with an Air Force form 552 from their first sergeant. Call 606-5484

**Ice cream social** – 2 p.m. Saturday at the education center. Call 606-1607.

**Concert Choral** – 8 p.m. Sunday at the Unity Chapel of Light in Orcutt. Allan Hancock College choir students will sing at this spring concert. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for children, seniors and students. Call (805) 922-6966, Ext. 3412 for ticket information.

**Court appointed special advocates training** – begins Monday. Special advocates assist children in the court system. For more information, call Debra Reynolds at (805) 739-1092.

**Art Exhibit** – 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 7:30

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a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays and closed Sundays. The exhibit runs through May 21. Call 922-6966.

**Office closure** – The family support center is closed for staff training Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Those requiring emergency Air Force Aid will be assisted. Call 606-0801.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** – 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays at the Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center. Call the HAWC at 606-2221.

**Relaxation room** – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday – Friday at the HAWC. Call 606-2221.

**Pre-separation briefing** – 8 a.m. Tuesdays in the family support center. The briefing is required 90 days prior to leaving the service. Call 606-0801.

**Stress and Self Management** – 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through June 9 at the HAWC. Call 606-9958 to sign up.

**3-Day Tap Seminar** – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at the family support center. This is highly recommended for those retiring or separating

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from the military within one year. Call 606-0801.

**Joint retiree activities center** – Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday - Friday in building 10346 in the Vandenberg Base Exchange shopping center. Call 606-5474.

**Risk Reduction classes** – 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the health and wellness center. Call 606-2221 to sign up now.

**Depression management group** – 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursdays at the Vandenberg Life Skills Support Center. New groups begin every 6 to 8 weeks. The group is open to active-duty members and their dependents. It's appropriate for adults or mature adolescents experiencing depression. Call Capt. Arlin Hatch or the LSSC staff at 606-8217.

**Investment planning class** – 11 a.m. to noon May 9 at the family support center. Call 606-4491.

**Military Appreciation Day** – 1 p.m. May 10 at California Polytechnic State University, San

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Luis Obispo. Military members get free admission for themselves and one guest to the Cal Poly vs. California State University, Northridge baseball game.

**USO Salute to Troops concert** – free for active-duty and retired military members from 3 to 7 p.m. May 11 at the Babylon Court and Highland Entertainment Complex in Hollywood. Department of Defense identification and military uniform for military members are required for those wishing to sit in the limited seating area. Call Bernie Rone at (202) 610-6480 or e-mail [brone@uso.org](mailto:brone@uso.org) for more information.

**Mother's Day jazz ensemble** – 7:30 p.m. May 11 at the Unity Chapel of Light in Orcutt. Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$5 for seniors, students, and children. Call (805) 922-6966, Ext. 3412 for more information.

**Operation Baby Launch** – 5 p.m. May 13 in the Vandenberg Clinic auditorium. Call 605-8254

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or 606-8217.

**The National Society of Military Widows meeting** – 1 p.m. May 14. A guest speaker discusses osteoporosis. Call the retirees activity office at 606-5474 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday - Friday for more information.

**Origami class** – 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. May 14 at the youth center. Call 1st Lt. Peter Kim at 606-6832 for more information.

**Asian Pacific Heritage Month food sampling** – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 21 at Chapel 1. Call 1st Lt. Peter Kim at 606-6832 for more information.

**Prenatal Exercise class** – 2 p.m. May 22 for expectant mother and fathers. Call 606-2221.

**Free amusement park admissions** – May 23 through Nov. 11 Sea World, Bush Gardens, and Sesame Place amusement parks give free single-day admission to active-duty military, reservists, and National Guardsmen and up to four dependents. Call Patty Burrus at (210) 523-3656 for more information.

## Chapel Services & Events

For other denomination worship services and events, call the chapel at 606-5773.

- ♦ **G.I. Java** – opens 5 to 9 p.m. daily to dorm and billeting residents. Come and enjoy free lattes, frappicinos, sodas, chips and fellowship.
- ♦ **Monthly Prayer Breakfast** – 6:30 a.m. Thursday at Chapel 1 Annex. Guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Lorraine Potter.
- ♦ **381st Training Group** – holds Bible study and prayer 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the group conference room in building 8290.

### WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

#### Sunday

8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship, Chapel 2  
10 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 1  
11:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant, Chapel 1  
11:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 2

#### Monday - Friday

11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2

#### Saturday

5 p.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2

- ♦ **Pizza and game social** – 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday in the group foyer building 8290.
- ♦ **Praise and worship service** – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the group auditorium in building 8290.
- ♦ **Daily prayers** – 7:15 to 7:25 a.m. at Chapel 1. All of Vandenberg is invited to pray for our nation, troops and families..
- ♦ **G.I. Java 1 year celebration** – 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday at G.I. Java. There will be a live band performance. Call 606-5773.

## Did You Know ?

According to Air Force pamphlet 36-2241, volume 1 and AFI 36-2903, women's pumps may be worn with blue service uniform. They must be no higher than 2 1/2 inches. Thick soles and platforms are not allowed. The shoe color must be plain black containing no ornamentation such as buckles and bows. The pumps can be of leather material, with or without a patent or high gloss finish.

Women's dress boots must be suitable to the individuals height but no higher than 2 1/2 inches. The boots can be worn with dress slacks. They must be plain black with no decoration.

Combat boots must be worn with battle dress uniform. The boots should be black with no safety toe. The toe area must be plain and rounded. BDU trousers must be tucked into boots. Combats may be worn with slacks only.



# 30th Services News

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**June 1**  
**\$80**

## Arrowhead Pond Anaheim

3 p.m. performance. Leave base at 8:30 a.m.  
Return approximately 10 p.m.  
For more information on this trip, call 606-7976.

### SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAM

## Summer Camp!

#### REGISTRATION

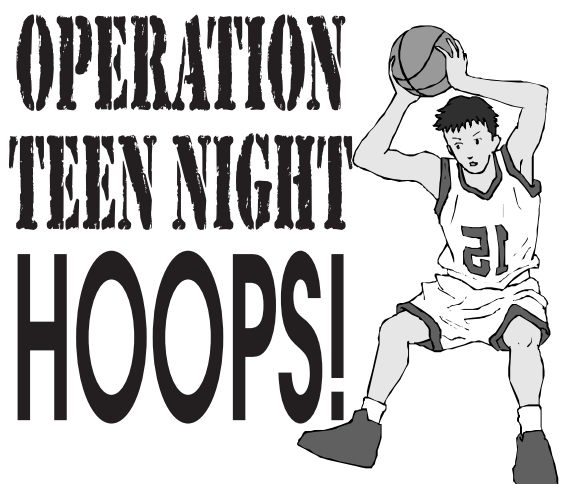
Enrollment for children not currently enrolled in the school-age program through May 16. Contact the Youth Center for more information at 606-2152.

#### YOUTH CENTER MUSIC LESSONS

Limited spaces available. The Coelho Academy of Music provides lessons in guitar, flute, keyboard and voice. A new piano instructor is now available for lessons - call quickly to sign up! Group lessons are offered in 8-week sessions, one-hour per week at \$68 plus the cost of the lesson book. Individual lessons are offered on a month-to-month basis, 1/2-hour per week. Cost is \$18 per lesson. Days and times vary.

For more information, call 606-2152.

### YOUTH CENTER



## Operation Teen Night Hoops is coming this summer!

Limited slots are available per division, so don't miss out! Registration will run from Monday to May 30 at the Youth Center, Mon. - Fri., 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost of \$25 (\$20 for youth center members) for teens 13-to 18-years. Season begins June 9 and ends July 28. Call 606-2152 for more information.

### LIBRARY

## New reading-discussion group on Military Professional Reading is forming!

Our goal is to encourage officer participation in the CSAFs reading program and to promote professional development. Sponsored by the CGOC. First meeting is May 9 at 3 p.m. in the library conference room. First book discussion will be 'Band of Brothers' by Steven Ambrose and will include viewing excerpts from the movie. For more information, contact 2nd Lt Jason Miller at 605-4850 or jason.miller@vandenberg.af.mil.

## Dial-A-Story is up and running!

To hear this week's story, 'How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin' call the Dial-A-Story at 606-4300. Stories are available 24/7.

P a c i f i c C o a s t C l u b

## Apply today!



## in Scholarship Awards!

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club members*



Ask for a scholarship application at the club or visit us on the web at [30svs.com](http://30svs.com) and click on the scholarship ad in the upper right hand corner.

TONIGHT! 5 to 8 p.m. at the Youth Center

**Family Fiesta SKATING & TACO NIGHT!**

Call the Youth Center for more information at 606-2152.

Global Hearts and Youth Center members are FREE. Family members and nonmembers are \$1.

### BOWLING CENTER

## BOWL with your buddy

THIS MOTHER'S DAY, any child can bring their mother and let them bowl for free. For each paid game a child bowls, mom gets a FREE matching game.

*Mother's  
Day  
May 11*

Contact the Bowling Center at 606-3209 for more information.

### FITNESS CENTER



## Get Fit & Win FUN RUN

**Tuesday at 12 p.m.  
at the Fitness Center**

**May 9 - All-night softball tournament**  
6 p.m. Call 606-3834 for more information.

### PACIFIC COAST CLUB

#### In the E-Lounge



### SERVICES CENTER

Remember your Mom on Mother's Day, May 11, with a beautiful gift basket from A Natural Knead Massage Therapy & Day Spa!



Massage Therapy & Day Spa

## Mother's Day Gift Baskets

Set your price, pick your contents and we will design a basket for you! Choose from candles, heat wraps, CDs, mother & child statues, candy, aromatherapy items, eye pillows and much more!

Located in the Services Center • Telephone: 605-4748